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New York, NY 10007

VIA FACSIMILE

Re: Jewett White Lead Company Site, 2000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island

We are writing to request that the current attempt to remediate the property known as Sedutto's, (formally known as the National Lead Works) located at 2000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island be expanded to include the surrounding neighborhood. When questioned at a recent meeting about whether the property north of the Sedutto Property across Richmond Terrace was also tested EPA representatives stated it had not been tested. This property was also controlled by National Lead Works. We question, why it was not tested when the original site was tested. I believe that testing should be conducted radiating out at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the original National Lead Works site. We have had over 150 years of lead contamination at this site, long before surface soils were covered by concrete or macadam. Airborne particles have had generations to migrate on the winds to contaminate the surrounding neighborhood.

In the immediate vicinity lie several schools, public parkland, community meeting halls, places of worship, a senior housing facility, a heavily trafficked commercial area and an industrial park now under construction. This industrial park is on property directly adjacent to the National Lead Works property and is under heavy construction. Heavy equipment and trucking is kicking up dust that may have accumulated lead particles over the decades, is being carried on the winds into the community.

The safety and well being of the community of Port Richmond and all Staten Island residents depend on a thorough, comprehensive testing for lead contamination not only at the National Lead Works site but of the surrounding neighborhoods. Therefore, I am requesting soil and air samples from all locations not covered radiating out  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the current site.

Sincerely,

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NYC Councilmember 49<sup>th</sup> District

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